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Mattress Covers

We, BLINSTON & O'GRADY LIMITED, a British Company, of 16 Chester Street, Manchester 1, Lancashire, do hereby declare the invention for which we pray that a patent may be granted to us, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statements:—

This invention concerns mattress covers which are particularly suitable for mattresses of the type employed with the usual domestic beds, such mattresses (hereinafter referred to as "of the type described") comprising a top part and a bottom part, both of substantially rectangular shape conforming generally to the plan shape of the bed, said parts being disposed with their planes substantially parallel and spaced apart by flexible or resilient padding or filling which is held captive between the top and bottom parts by side and end panels of the mattress.

In the past, covers for mattresses of the type described have usually been composed of a substantially non-stretchable fabric or material which is formed into main top and bottom panels, which panels are joined together by an intermediate strip panel which is sewn to the top and bottom panels and forms side and end panels therebetween.

The top and bottom panels correspond generally in size and shape to the top and bottom parts of the mattress and the width of the intermediate strip corresponds to the thickness of the mattress. These covers are usually formed as a sheath which is open along one edge thereof in order that the cover may be pulled over the mattress, such edge being adapted to be closed by tapes or the like when the cover is in position on the mattress.

Because the cover is of a non-stretchable

material the size of the cover has to be such that it can be easily pulled over the mattress without being so large that it will form undesirable wrinkles when in position on the mattress.

Thus, it will be appreciated from the foregoing that the size of the cover is critical and that only one size of cover may be used with a particular size of mattress if the undesirable wrinkled effect is to be avoided.

It is an object of this invention to provide a mattress cover which obviates the above disadvantages and enables one size of such cover to be used for covering mattresses of different sizes. To this end, the invention provides a mattress cover comprising a tube or hose of stretch material which is closed at one end to form a sheath and is provided with a number of pairs of tapes adapted to close the sheath at the other end of the tube or hose.

Preferably, the stretch material is a knitted fabric.

The invention will be described further by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a mattress cover conforming to the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the mattress cover of Fig. 1 being applied to a mattress of the type described;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view similar to Fig. 2 but showing the cover in position on the mattress; and

Fig. 1 shows a mattress cover conforming to the present invention and comprising an elongate seamless hose or tube of knitted stretch fabric, which is sewn across one end to form a sheath. At the other or open end the hose or tube has a plurality of pairs of waven fabric tapes attached thereto.

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Fig. 1.

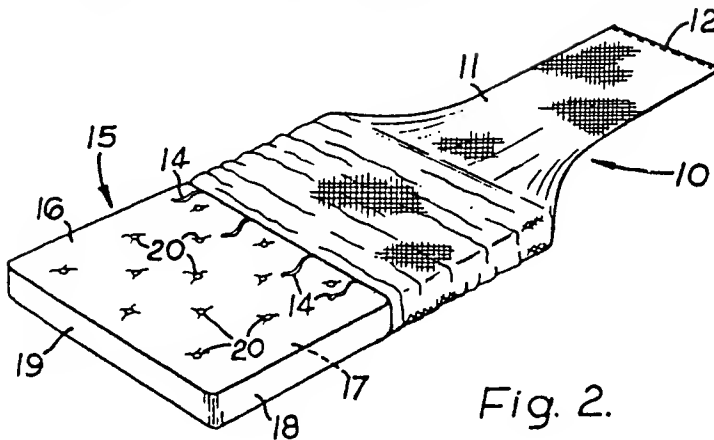


Fig. 2.

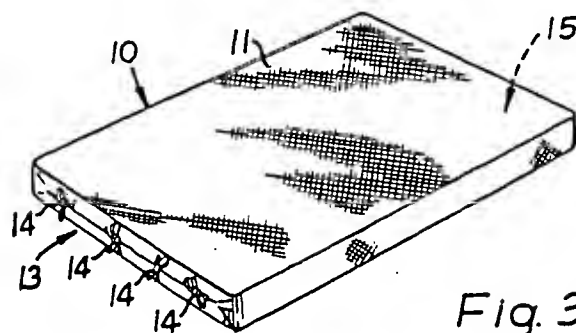


Fig. 3.

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